

Dr. Lawrence Feldman, Board Member

**SUBJECT:           REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-67 OF  
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING THE WORK AND SERVICE OF THE JOINT  
MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**COMMITTEE:       INSTRUCTIONAL       EXCELLENCE       AND       COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO DISTRICT  
STRATEGIC PLAN:  ACTIVELY ENGAGE FAMILY AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS  
TO BECOME OUR PARTNERS IN RAISING AND  
MAINTAINING HIGH STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**

The month of May is recognized as National Military Appreciation Month, honoring the service of our current military service members, as well as past veterans, many of whom live in our community and whose families attend Miami Dade County Schools.

Miami Dade County is home to several active duty, reserve and National Guard military units, many of whom have served with courage and great distinction in recent combat operations and continue to protect and defend our freedoms every day. Our county also houses the U.S. Southern Command, a major combatant command located in the City of Doral. SouthCom employs almost 2,000 civilian and military personnel and focuses on safety, security and building alliances in our Western Hemisphere. The Homestead Air Reserve Base is also located in Miami-Dade County, where units of the 482<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Wing, SOCSOUTH, the Coast Guard, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and other civilian and military units employ thousands of South Floridians that protect our borders, serve abroad in combat theatres, and work with our allies in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Miami is also home to Coast Guard District Seven, the busiest Coast Guard District in the nation, with thousands of active, reserve and auxiliary personnel involved in a variety of critical military and homeland security missions, both domestically and overseas. The Miami VA's Bruce W. Carter Hospital, the Vet Center, The American Red Cross, and the soon-to-be-built Fisher House also employ hundreds of county individuals and provide ongoing physical and mental health services, therapy and counseling for our community's military veterans and their families.

In addition, the Military Affairs Committees (MACs) of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, Chamber South, and the Homestead Chamber of Commerce, provide ongoing valuable support from the business community and civic leaders to South Florida's military community. Miami-Dade Defense Alliance, supported by The State of Florida and the Beacon Council, offers valuable financial and organizational support for the promotion and maintenance of South Florida as a home for military activity, bringing with it hundreds of millions of dollars in economic activity.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools acknowledges and appreciates the valuable ongoing work, volunteerism, and contributions to our community of the thousands of men and women serving in uniform and as civilian employees of the military and related federal organizations.

The community salutes the sacrifice of those South Floridians, and their families, who have been wounded, killed, or otherwise affected by past and ongoing military operations. We support and highlight the importance of the contribution from volunteers, employees, and employers involved in all civilian and military support organizations that champion and assist our veterans, men and women in uniform, their families, and ultimately the students of Miami-Dade County.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
DR. LAWRENCE FELDMAN**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-67 of The School Board of the Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the work and service of the Joint Military Affairs Committee.

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-67  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING  
THE WORK AND SERVICE OF THE JOINT MILITARY AFFIARS COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, the month of May is recognized as National Military Appreciation Month, honoring the service of our current military service members, as well as past veterans, many of whom live in our community and whose families attend Miami-Dade County Schools; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami Dade County is home to several active duty, reserve and National Guard military units, many of whom have served with courage and great distinction in recent combat operations and continue to protect and defend our freedoms every day ; and

**WHEREAS**, the Joint Military Affairs Committee recognizes the work of the Homestead Air Reserve, the Coast Guard District Seven and Miami's VA Bruce W. Carter Hospital; and

**WHEREAS**, the Joint Military Affairs Committee recognizes the work of the Vet Center, The American Red Cross, and the soon-to-be-built Fisher House; and

**WHEREAS**, the Joint Military Affairs Committee recognizes the work of the Military Affairs Committee of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, Chamber South and Homestead Chamber of Commerce, and the Miami-Dade Defense Alliance;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-67 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the work and service of the Joint Military Affairs Committee.

A copy of this resolution is placed in the permanent records of this Board.

**Presented this twentieth day of May, A.D. 2009**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary  
  
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